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In re Application of	:	OFFICE OF PETITIONS
Hofland et al.	:	
Application No. 10/591,847	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: January 9, 2007	:	
Attorney Docket No. BJS-620-454	:	

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed June 16, 2010, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed December 15, 2009, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were timely obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on March 16, 2010.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an Amendment, (2) the petition fee of \$1,620.00, and (3) an adequate statement of unintentional delay.

Additionally, an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See In re Application of S., 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Since the \$1,110.00, three-month extension of time fee submitted with the petition on June 16, 2010 was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be refunded to petitioner's credit card in due course.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-7751.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 1623 for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the reply received.

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